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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Fumiyasu HIRAI et al.

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METHOD FOR REMOVING THE TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR- $\beta$  BY For:

ADSORPTION (As Amended)

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 20, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002 for one month from February 4, 2003 to March 4, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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